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Detention Alternatives,
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Juvenile Detention
Alternatives
Initiative of
Bernalillo County

What is JDAI?

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is a network of juvenile justice practitioners and other system stakeholders across the country working to build a better and more equitable youth justice system.

The Bernalillo County Youth Services Center is part of the National network, and operates with the goal to only hold youth that pose a true threat to public safety in secure detention. Youth that do not pose a threat are appropriately served by community based programs and supports that result in positive life outcomes. There are 8 core strategies JDAI uses to accomplish this:

1 Instituting case processing reforms to expedite the flow of cases through the system.

Reducing the number of youth detained for probation rule violations or failing to appear in court, and the number held in detention awaiting transfer to a residential facility.

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La Plazita



The South Valley Youth Reporting Center at La Plazita Institute (LPI) provides supportive services for pre and post- adjudicated youth. The Reporting Center at LPI participates in the following: Cultural restorative justice, agriculture, conservation, community revitalization, economic self-sustainability, community learning, non-traditional leadership, social enterprise, traditional and spiritual healing, race equity, health and family wellness, community engagement and collective impact. Bernalillo County identified through previous data studies that many youth in the Juvenile Justice system served reside near or have access to services at LPI.

New Day

The Reception and Assessment Center (RAC) serves as a diversion for youth who do not meet criteria on the RAI for detention and who need shelter, and/or support in locating parents or guardians after law enforcement involvement. The services provided by the New Day RAC are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Law Enforcement can "drop off" youth at the RAC, where they are assessed and can begin to accessing the services New Day has to offer.



The Second Judicial District within Bernalillo County strives to embody the principles of Restorative Justice in its work. New Day provides restorative justice diversion services for youth.

Currently utilizing Healthy Relationships curriculum and programming to meet the needs of the youth.

BERNALILLO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD

New Mexico Juvenile Justice Advisory Boards

Supporting the Well Being of Youth and Families in our Communities



Each year Bernalillo County is awarded funds from the New Mexico State Government General Funds, through CYFD, to increase public safety through the support of data driven, evidence based juvenile justice practice and reform. The Continuum Statute requires the development of an advisory board that reflects all system and community stakeholders. This board creates strategic plans and makes data driven decisions to determine how the funding will be spent to serve the interests of community well-being.

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Improving racial and ethnic equity by examining data to identify policies and practices that may disadvantage youth of color at various stages of the process, and pursuing strategies to ensure a more level playing field for youth regardless of race or ethnicity

Monitoring and improving conditions of confinement in detention facilities

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Promoting collaboration between juvenile court officials, probation agencies, prosecutors, defense attorneys, schools community organizations, and advocates

Using rigorous data collection and analysis to guide decision-making

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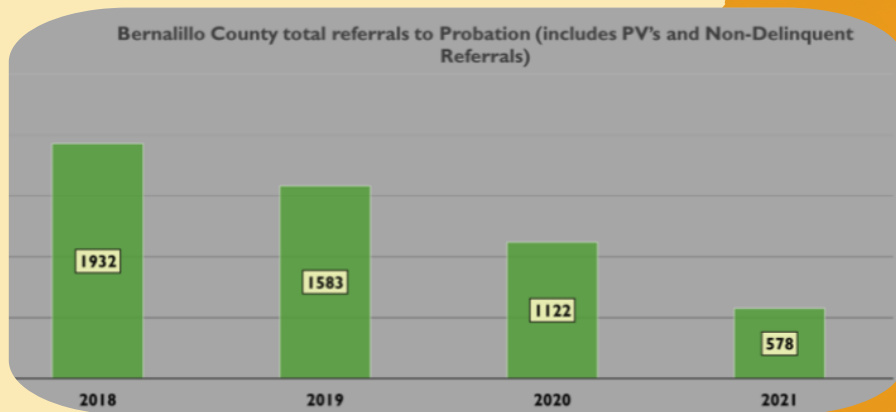
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Utilizing objective admissions criteria and risk-assessment instruments to replace subjective decision-making processes to determine whether youth should be placed into secure detention facilities

Implementing new or expanded alternatives to detention programs - such as day and evening reporting centers, home confinement and shelter care that can be used in lieu of locked detention

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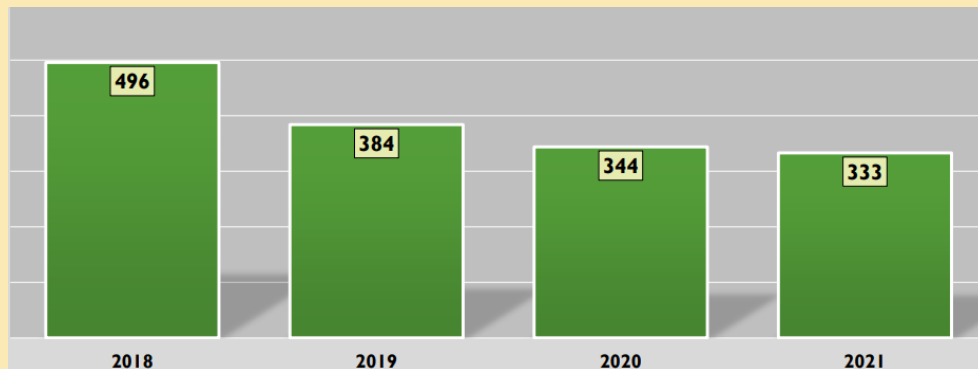
Data Driven



**71%
DECLINE**

As a result of the Juvenile Reform efforts using JDAI strategies, there has been a steady decrease in referrals to the Juvenile Justice system from 2018 to 2021

Best Practice



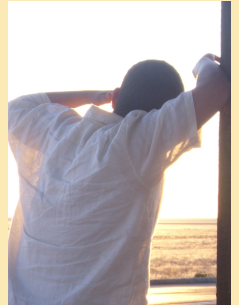
Juvenile crime continues to decrease since 2018 with most notably the felony charges in a decline

**33%
DECLINE**

COMMUNITY CUSTODY PROGRAM

CCP Vision

The Community Custody Program shall be utilized by the Youth Services Center and made available to the courts as a pre-adjudicated alternative to secure detention that offers youth the opportunity to remain at home or in the community while awaiting adjudication or disposition of their current delinquent charges.



Goals (CCP Policy)

- Youth appear for all court hearings
- The youth do not commit any new delinquent acts
- Assist the youth and the family in complying with program expectations
- The intent of the program is not to pull youth further into the Juvenile Justice System



CCP Case Manager

Individualized Family and Youth Driven Planning

- 1 Engage with family in-depth
- 2 Strength based case planning
- 3 Assist the client and family with drafting a Safety Plan prior to release
- 4 Assist the client in managing a Service Plan or Conditions of Release
- 5 Attends court hearings as an advocate and assists in drafting of court reports for clients
- 6 Is the connection to the larger system stakeholders
- 7 Conducts research and become familiar with community-based programs
- 8 Is an instrument in expediting the case process
- 9 Conducts the 15-day meetings with the new Policy on the Transition to Probation
- 10 Attends Teaming and Triage Meetings with the Juvenile Probation Office

